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COLD STORAGE REPORT
AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 1941



Stocks of all major groups of perishable food commodities held in cold storage warehouses and meat-packing plants on September 1, 1941, with the exception of shell eggs, were in excess of those on hand on September 1, 1940, and the 5-year (1936-40) average, the U. S. Department of Agriculture reports.

Frozen fruit holdings on September 1, 1941, totaling approximately 211 million pounds, were 27 percent greater than those of September 1, 1940.

Frozen vegetable stocks were about $83\frac{1}{2}$ million pounds, about $6\frac{1}{2}$ percent above holdings of a year earlier.

Creamery butter holdings of 200,539,000 pounds were the largest September 1 stocks on record with the exception of 1938, exceeding those of a year earlier by 66 million pounds or 49 percent.

Stocks of all varieties of cheese on hand, totaling 185 million pounds, were 24 percent greater than a year ago.

Shell egg holdings showed a 15 percent decrease from September 1 a year ago, but frozen eggs were higher by 33 percent. The total case-equivalent of both shell and frozen eggs (11,676,000 cases) was nearly $2\frac{1}{2}$ percent above September 1, 1940.

Frozen poultry stocks, totaling more than 85 million pounds, were 3 million pounds heavier than those of September 1, 1940. Frozen and cured beef increased 32 millions; frozen and cured pork, $65\frac{1}{2}$ millions; all meats $102\frac{1}{2}$ millions; and lard $10\frac{1}{2}$ million pounds compared with a year earlier.

Compared with the 5-year (1936-40) average for September 1, frozen fruit holdings were up 57 percent; creamery butter advanced 33 percent; cheese was 41 percent higher; the total case-equivalent all eggs rose 7 percent; poultry increased nearly 30 percent; beef was up 59 percent; pork increased 27 percent; and lard stocks were 94 percent greater than the average.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

FROZEN FRUITS

Cold storage holdings of all varieties of frozen fruits on hand September 1, 1941, totaling 211,047,000 pounds, exceeded those of September 1, 1940, by 44,644,000 pounds and the 5-year (1936-40) average by 76,981,000. The increase during August 1941 was 10,779,000 pounds, which quantity compares with an increase of 15,438,000 pounds for August 1940 and the 5-year average of 6,500,000 pounds. Of the total reported, 52,154,000 pounds were unclassified as to variety.

FROZEN VEGETABLES

Stocks of frozen vegetables totaled 83,480,000 pounds. This quantity exceeded September 1, 1940, holdings by 5,102,000 pounds. The increase during August was 10,336,000 pounds. Asparagus showed a decrease, lima beans and snap beans increased appreciably, sweet corn stocks almost doubled during the month, green peas increased slightly, while spinach showed a downturn. The quantity unclassified totaled 7,396,000 pounds.

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FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

(See table on page 8 for September 1, 1941, holdings by geographic divisions)

Commodity	Sept. 1 5-yr. av. 1936-40	Sept. 1, 1940	Aug. 1, 1941	Sept. 1, 1941
- Thousands -				
FRUITS, FROZEN				
Blackberries.....pounds	Data	8,689	5,344	9,399
Blueberries....."	for	2,437	2,995	3,228
Cherries....."	these	29,813	37,933	40,801
Logan and similar berries....."	earlier	3,419	4,919	5,382
Raspberries....."	years	15,250	18,225	19,306
Strawberries....."	not	54,990	62,101	62,186
Other fruits....."	compara-	15,050	25,703	18,591
Classification not reported....."	ble	36,755	43,045	52,154
TOTAL....."		134,066	166,403	200,268
VEGETABLES, FROZEN				
Asparagus....."	His- torical data not avail- able	7,087	7,614	7,095
Beans, Lima....."		9,564	3,953	7,580
Beans, snap....."		6,387	4,155	6,303
Broccoli, green....."		914	785	604
Corn, sweet....."		4,943	2,966	5,241
Peas, green....."		39,254	41,827	43,212
Spinach....."		3,816	2,947	2,807
Other vegetables....."		2,565	2,669	3,242
Classification not reported....."		3,848	6,223	7,396
TOTAL....."		78,378	73,141	83,480

FROZEN FRUITS: HOLDINGS IN SMALL AND LARGE CONTAINERS

AUGUST 1 and SEPTEMBER 1, 1941

Commodity	In small containers (Less than 30 lb. capacity)		In bulk or large containers (30 lb. or greater capacity)	
	August 1	September 1	August 1	September 1
- Thousand pounds -				
Blackberries.....	229	350	5,115	9,049
Blueberries.....	597	785	2,393	2,443
Cherries.....	3,286	4,634	34,647	36,167
Logan and similar berries...	1,433	1,382	3,486	4,000
Raspberries.....	1,459	1,717	16,766	17,589
Strawberries.....	13,776	14,091	48,328	48,095
Other fruits.....	2,821	3,711	22,882	14,880
Classification not reported.	7,254	3,847	35,791	48,307
TOTAL.....	30,855	30,517	169,413	180,530

American cheese holdings on September 1, 1941, were 151,737,000 pounds -- the greatest reported at any time on record, exceeding September 1, 1940, stocks by 25,422,000 pounds, and the 1936-40 5-year average for September 1 by 40,897,000 pounds. Total stocks of all varieties of cheese were 184,624,000 pounds compared with 149,188,000 a year earlier and 131,115,000 pounds average. The Dairy Products Marketing Association was holding 5,291,264 pounds of the total cheese shown above on September 1.

Creamery butter stocks totaled 200,539,000 pounds, the increase during August being 22,046,000 pounds. September 1, 1940, butter stocks were only 134,266,000 and the September 1 (1936-40) average was 151,067,000 pounds. Included in September stocks are 1,533,000 pounds held by the Dairy Products Marketing Association and 782,032 pounds held by the Surplus Marketing Administration and Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation.

Egg stocks totaled 6,134,000 cases of shell and 193,972,000 pounds of frozen. The out-of-storage movement of shell eggs during August was 507,000 cases compared with 543,000 cases during August a year ago and 419,000 cases for the August 1936-40 average. Frozen egg stocks were 48,319,000 pounds greater than on September 1 last year and 58,878,000 pounds above average.

SMA and FSCC holdings were 618,590 cases of shell and 19,212,391 pounds of frozen eggs. These quantities are included in the total holdings for September 1, 1941.

Frozen poultry stocks on September 1 totaled 85,276,000 pounds or an increase of 4,070,000 pounds during the month of August. September 1 stocks were 3,098,000 pounds greater than a year earlier and 19,434,000 pounds above average for that date.

(See table on page 9 for September 1, 1941, holdings by geographic divisions)

Commodity	September 1 5-yr.av. 1936-40	September 1, 1940	August 1, 1941	September 1, 1941
- Thousands -				
CREAM				
Forty percent.....40-qt. cans	217	256	388	401
Twenty percent....." "	7	5	9	9
BUTTER				
Creamery, total.....pounds.....	151,067	134,266	178,493	200,539
DEMA holdings....."	-	-	650	1,533
SMA and FSCC holdings....."	-	198	867	782
Commercial stocks....."	130,527	134,068	176,976	198,224
Packing stock....."	354	40	33	49
CHEESE				
American.....pounds.....	110,840	126,315	139,568	^{1/} 151,737
Swiss including Block....."	5,504	5,190	5,080	5,704
Black and Munster....."	1,322	1,462	989	880
Limburger....."	1,234	1,268	931	926
All other varieties....."	12,215	14,953	21,852	25,377
TOTAL CHEESE....."	131,115	149,188	168,420	184,624
EGGS				
Shell, total.....cases.....	7,035	7,241	6,641	6,134
SMA and FSCC holdings....."	-	1,025	239	619
Commercial stocks....."	6,830	6,216	6,402	5,515
Frozen, total.....pounds.....	135,094	145,653	195,097	^{1/} 193,972
SMA and FSCC holdings....."	-	-	1,770	19,212
Commercial stocks....."	-	-	193,327	174,760
Frozen ^{2/}equivalent cases.....	3,860	4,162	5,574	5,542
TOTAL EGGS ^{3/}cases.....	10,895	11,403	12,215	11,676
FROZEN POULTRY				
Broilers.....pounds.....	9,753	6,247	6,874	9,743
Fryers....."	2,745	2,539	3,650	5,282
Roasters....."	4,369	3,365	9,361	9,823
Fowls....."	13,165	19,807	14,661	17,060
Turkeys....."	11,419	21,090	19,750	12,888
Ducks....."	9,563	11,034	9,760	11,685
Miscellaneous poultry....."	14,828	12,350	11,958	12,098
Unclassified frozen poultry....."	^{4/}	5,746	5,192	6,697
TOTAL FROZEN POULTRY....."	65,842	82,178	81,206	85,276

^{1/} For FSCC and SMA holdings, see above text.

^{2/} Frozen eggs are converted on the basis of 35 pounds to the case.

^{3/} SPECIAL NOTE: 82 percent of total frozen eggs reported as of September 1, 1941, were classified as follows: Whites - 22 percent; Yolks - 20 percent; and Mixed - 58 percent.

^{4/} Carried under "Miscellaneous Poultry" previous to January 1, 1940.

MEATS AND LARD

On September 1, 1941, stocks of all frozen and cured meats totaled 625,881,000 pounds, indicating a net reduction of 135,403,000 pounds during August. The reduction of meat stocks during the same period of 1940 was 147,895,000 pounds. The average reductions during August 1936-40, however, were only 78,720,000 pounds.

Frozen and cured beef stocks, totaling 67,477,000 pounds, on September 1, increased 1,769,000 pounds from a month earlier while these stocks usually decline during August. Beef holdings were 31,814,000 pounds greater than on September 1 last year and were 25,078,000 above the September 1 1936-40 average.

Frozen and cured pork stocks fell sharply during August but were considerably larger than on September 1 a year ago. Stocks on September 1 this year were reported to be 482,992,000 pounds, compared with 618,866,000 pounds a month earlier, 417,564,000 on September 1 last year, and 380,343,000 pounds for the September 1 1936-40 average.

Lard stocks declined more than usual during August, totaling 282,875,000 pounds on September 1 compared with 332,863,000 pounds on August 1. In addition to lard stocks there were 5,338,000 pounds of rendered pork fat on hand on September 1, 1941.

Included in the above figures are 12,952,000 pounds of cured pork and 12,938,000 pounds of lard held by Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation in cold storage plants outside of processors' hands.

(See table on page 9 for September 1, 1941, holdings by geographic divisions)

Commodity	Sept. 1 5-yr.av. 1936-40	Sept. 1, 1940	Aug. 1, 1941	Sept. 1, 1941
- Thousand pounds -				
BEEF				
Frozen.....	28,588	25,649	52,525	54,745
In process of cure.....	9,759	7,283	9,410	9,389
Cured.....	4,052	2,731	3,773	3,343
TOTAL BEEF.....	42,399	35,663	65,708	67,477
PORK				
Frozen.....	103,558	141,843	258,353	168,659
Dry salt in process of cure.....	39,789	42,350	61,767	58,882
Dry salt cured.....	36,891	34,057	51,032	48,415
Pickled in process of cure.....	126,117	123,582	151,201	126,692
Pickled cured.....	73,988	75,732	96,512	80,344
TOTAL PORK.....	380,343	417,564	618,866	1/ 482,992
LAMB AND MUTTON				
Frozen.....	2,415	3,192	3,211	3,309
TRIMMINGS AND EDIBLE OFFAL				
Frozen and cured.....	63,121	66,971	73,499	72,103
TOTAL MEATS.....	488,278	523,390	761,284	1/ 625,881
LARD.....	145,589	272,290	332,863	1/ 282,875
RENDERED PORK FAT	2/	2/	7,417	5,338

1/ For holdings by FSCC, see above text.

2/ Previously included with lard.

HOLDINGS OF SPECIFIED COMMODITIES, BY STATES, SEPTEMBER 1, 1941

STATE	Cream (40-qt. cans)	Butter Lbs.	American cheese Lbs.	Eggs Cases	Frozen eggs Lbs.	Total poultry Lbs.
- Thousands -						
Massachusetts.....	15	6,243	4,522	100	4,456	4,350
Other States.....		1,421	940	16	1,656	596
NEW ENGLAND.....		7,664	5,462	116	6,112	4,946
New York.....	222	18,295	18,480	518	14,085	12,643
New Jersey.....	4	13,923	8,220	432	21,319	8,752
Pennsylvania.....	26	9,544	4,126	279	6,692	3,673
MIDDLE ATLANTIC....		41,762	30,826	1,229	42,096	25,068
Ohio.....	15	9,473	1,497	428	9,773	2,128
Indiana.....		3,041	1,015	32	3,348	667
Illinois.....	15	55,068	11,730	1,771	33,643	16,352
Michigan.....	4	5,647	1,327	167	2,873	2,583
Wisconsin.....	26	3,404	67,424	81	2,107	487
EAST N. CENTRAL....		76,633	82,993	2,479	51,744	22,217
Minnesota.....	32	14,841	1,017	196	5,304	1,776
Iowa.....		7,249	154	118	5,784	1,815
Missouri.....	8	8,155	5,277	416	26,749	9,281
Nebraska.....		5,500	638	150	10,373	5,184
Kansas.....		3,360	514	235	10,110	1,376
Dakotas.....		1,560	-	5	382	5
WEST N. CENTRAL....		40,665	7,600	1,120	58,702	19,437
SOUTH ATLANTIC.....		1,736	3,822	139	3,987	3,297
Kentucky.....		2,196	495	27	1,072	1,069
Tennessee.....		2,162	1,760	108	1,701	307
Alabama & Mississippi.		814	881	25	306	107
EAST S. CENTRAL....		5,172	3,136	160	3,079	2,383
Oklahoma.....	6	3,197	216	66	4,630	43
Texas.....	25	4,649	3,979	133	13,577	695
Arkansas & Louisiana..		1,312	883	33	1,582	277
WEST S. CENTRAL....		9,158	5,078	232	19,789	1,015
Colorado.....		1,500	595	75	1,043	238
Other States.....		1,732	3,258	56	200	426
MOUNTAIN.....		3,232	3,853	131	1,243	664
Washington.....		5,875	846	182	1,161	1,711
Oregon.....		1,253	660	17	340	1,137
California.....		7,389	7,461	329	5,719	3,401
PACIFIC.....		14,517	8,967	528	7,220	6,249
Other States, com- bined for cream only..	8					
UNITED STATES.....	406	200,539	151,737	6,134	193,972	85,276

OCCUPANCY OF AVAILABLE COLD STORAGE SPACE IN PUBLIC WAREHOUSES

UNITED STATES

September 1, 1941, with comparisons

Date	Number concerns reporting	Available space			Space occupied		
		Coolers	Freezers	Combined	Coolers	Freezers	Combined
<u>1940</u>		- Thousand cubic feet -					
January 1.....	251	100,770	50,119	150,889	44,899	33,185	78,084
February 1.....	260	104,785	52,229	157,014	40,424	34,723	75,150
March 1.....	256	108,387	50,473	158,860	38,313	32,156	70,469
April 1.....	250	114,126	54,707	168,833	44,305	32,186	76,491
May 1.....	243	102,321	47,791	150,112	42,914	27,153	70,067
June 1.....	237	101,681	47,120	148,801	48,007	27,751	75,758
July 1.....	239	107,321	51,037	158,358	59,633	34,336	93,969
August 1.....	237	103,656	49,671	153,327	61,417	35,535	96,952
September 1....	239	97,690	46,561	144,251	56,759	31,500	88,259
October 1.....	254	104,462	46,576	151,038	60,818	32,085	92,903
November 1.....	252	102,228	45,023	147,251	63,267	30,797	94,064
December 1.....	262	108,547	47,567	156,114	64,738	33,845	98,583
<u>1941</u>							
January 1.....	262	104,864	52,960	157,824	55,403	41,929	97,337
February 1.....	273	104,074	51,468	155,542	48,439	40,290	88,729
March 1.....	264	101,275	50,851	152,126	42,204	36,352	78,556
April 1.....	269	108,545	55,423	163,971	44,160	35,666	79,832
May 1.....	265	105,747	55,426	159,173	49,075	34,615	83,690
June 1.....	273	110,476	58,423	168,899	61,408	38,323	99,731
July 1.....	276	107,450	57,525	164,975	65,305	40,907	106,212
August 1*.....	267	102,501	56,512	159,013	61,840	43,018	104,858
September 1*...	213	92,893	45,849	138,742	57,605	33,974	91,579

* Revised. ** Preliminary.

PERCENTAGE OF SPACE OCCUPIED, BY GEOGRAPHIC DIVISIONS

August 1 and September 1, 1941

Geographic division	August 1, 1941*				September 1, 1941**			
	Number concerns	Coolers	Freezers	Combined	Number concerns	Coolers	Freezers	Combined
- Percent -								
New England.....	12	50	69	60	11	52	71	62
Middle Atlantic..	61	58	73	63	49	57	68	60
East N. Central..	49	76	82	78	43	75	79	76
West N. Central..	30	73	79	73	25	72	72	72
South Atlantic..	28	56	75	61	12	37	73	46
East S. Central..	5	58	49	55	1	100	-	100
West S. Central..	22	75	82	77	18	73	81	75
Mountain.....	13	66	86	74	10	69	89	77
Pacific.....	47	30	71	42	44	49	78	57
UNITED STATES 1/	267	58	75	64	213	59	72	64

* Revised. ** Preliminary.

1/ Result of weighting geographic division percentage figures by respective proportion of total U. S. available space in public cold storage warehouses.

COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS, SEPTEMBER 1, 1941, BY GEOGRAPHIC DIVISIONS

Commodity	New England	Middle Atlantic	East North Central	West North Central	South Atlantic	East South Central	West South Central	Mountain	Pacific	Total
- Thousands -										
<u>FRUITS, FROZEN</u>										
<u>In small containers</u>										
Blackberries.....pounds	3	34	90	-	12	1	1	1	208	350
Blueberries....."	46	380	295	20	30	-	4	6	4	785
Cherries....."	84	3,136	945	136	197	-	23	33	80	4,634
Logan and similar berries....."	1	9	244	20	1	-	-	8	1,099	1,382
Raspberries....."	71	494	339	138	174	2	6	9	484	1,717
Strawberries....."	1,202	3,830	3,052	886	713	99	233	138	3,938	14,091
Other fruits....."	124	1,530	1,139	246	300	428	46	9	3,736	7,558
<u>In bulk or large containers</u>										
Blackberries.....pounds	75	718	293	79	1,964	393	91	2	5,434	9,049
Blueberries....."	160	1,270	733	132	143	2	-	-	3	2,443
Cherries....."	333	18,791	11,072	1,278	674	204	166	2,636	1,013	36,167
Logan and similar berries....."	34	80	384	27	34	5	-	113	3,323	4,000
Raspberries....."	2,399	5,533	3,373	270	286	86	5	43	4,594	17,589
Strawberries....."	3,171	15,254	7,573	1,584	3,618	262	2,029	360	14,244	48,095
Other fruits....."	117	15,535	6,902	907	683	847	1,024	476	36,696	63,187
<u>Total, all containers</u>										
Blackberries.....pounds	78	752	383	79	1,976	394	92	3	5,642	9,399
Blueberries....."	206	1,650	1,028	152	173	2	4	6	7	3,228
Cherries....."	417	21,927	12,017	1,414	871	204	189	2,669	1,093	40,801
Logan and similar berries....."	35	89	628	47	35	5	-	121	4,422	5,382
Raspberries....."	2,470	7,027	3,712	408	460	88	11	52	5,078	19,306
Strawberries....."	4,373	19,084	10,625	2,470	4,331	361	2,262	498	18,182	62,186
Other fruits....."	241	17,065	8,041	1,153	983	1,275	1,070	485	40,432	70,745

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COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS, SEPTEMBER 1, 1941, BY GEOGRAPHIC DIVISIONS (CONT'D.)

Commodity	New England	Middle Atlantic	East North Central	West North Central	South Atlantic	East South Central	West South Central	Mountain	Pacific	Total
<u>DAIRY PRODUCTS</u>										
Cream, Forty percent.....40-qt. cans	17	252	57	42	2	-	30	1	-	401
Cream, Twenty percent....."	-	-	8	-	1	-	-	-	-	9
Butter, creamery 1/.....pounds.....	7,664	41,762	76,633	40,665	1,736	5,172	9,158	3,232	14,517	200,539
Butter, packing stock....."	-	-	-	2	17	25	4	1	-	49
Cheese, American....."	5,462	30,826	82,993	7,600	3,822	3,136	5,078	3,853	8,967	151,737
Cheese, Swiss including block....."	-	879	3,937	77	97	5	102	362	245	5,704
Cheese, Brick and Munster....."	-	42	719	99	-	1	16	3	-	880
Cheese, Limburger....."	-	271	636	15	1	1	2	-	-	926
Cheese, all other varieties....."	674	13,359	5,749	1,260	582	2,146	687	128	792	25,377
Eggs, shell.....cases.....	115	1,229	2,479	1,120	139	160	232	131	528	6,134
Eggs, frozen.....pounds.....	6,112	42,096	51,714	58,702	3,987	3,079	19,789	1,243	7,220	193,972
<u>FROZEN POULTRY</u>										
Broilers.....pounds.....	406	1,645	3,050	2,948	237	289	35	87	1,046	9,743
Fryers....."	85	538	1,560	2,358	205	104	27	58	347	5,282
Roasters....."	579	2,605	4,146	1,612	545	88	5	10	233	9,823
Fowls....."	906	3,806	5,432	4,813	315	159	575	367	687	17,060
Turkeys....."	1,329	4,193	2,166	989	1,402	253	192	63	2,301	12,888
Ducks....."	1,039	8,030	1,602	223	380	56	10	4	341	11,685
Miscellaneous poultry....."	598	3,171	3,840	2,293	176	1,332	171	5	512	12,098
Unclassified frozen poultry....."	4	1,080	421	4,201	37	102	-	70	782	6,697
<u>MEATS and LARD</u>										
Beef, frozen.....pounds.....	2,421	10,447	17,829	9,130	2,222	430	6,119	1,036	5,111	54,745
Beef, in process of cure....."	12	1,932	5,027	1,814	226	48	117	37	116	9,389
Beef, cured....."	10	346	2,059	805	18	-	17	5	83	3,343
Pork, frozen....."	3,963	14,087	59,902	62,507	7,695	4,122	6,528	2,808	7,047	168,659
Pork, dry salt in process of cure....."	461	3,127	20,186	29,347	2,161	764	1,948	351	537	58,882
Pork, dry salt cured....."	332	340	15,187	28,286	2,006	604	1,123	356	181	48,415
Pork, pickled in process of cure....."	5,377	9,197	45,491	49,362	3,424	1,617	5,646	2,028	4,550	126,692
Pork, pickled cured....."	1,550	3,602	33,518	33,433	1,073	890	2,177	1,407	2,694	80,344
Lamb and mutton, frozen....."	185	1,265	764	378	160	9	212	27	309	3,309
Frozen and cured trimmings and edible offal....."	1,458	11,673	21,178	23,525	6,627	1,138	2,830	1,123	2,551	72,103
Lard....."	2,385	28,728	202,385	38,359	2,222	583	2,183	1,718	4,312	282,875
Rendered pork fat 2/....."	118	200	1,736	2,496	91	83	434	81	99	5,338

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2/ Previously included with lard.

1/ Includes FSOC, SMA, and relief holdings, as well as commercial stocks.

